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1 — Temporary plant to treat waste spilling from mine in Colorado, Albuquerque Journal, 9/23/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/648622/news/temporary-plant-to-treat-waste-spilling-from-mine-in-colorado.html>

The Environmental Protection Agency said Wednesday it will set up a temporary treatment plant for wastewater flowing from the Gold King Mine in southwestern Colorado after 3 million gallons surged out of the mine in August, tainting rivers in three states.

2 — Texas Frackers Freak Over Proposal to Cut Gas Pollution, Dallas Observer, 9/24/2015

<http://www.dallasobserver.com/news/texas-frackers-freak-over-proposal-to-cut-gas-pollution-7621011>

In Dallas and other cities across the country, local transit agencies are proud to announce that their buses run on natural gas. Natural gas puts less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than diesel, so the switch to natural gas is supposed to be a positive step to slow global warming.

3 – EPA hears widely different views on methane emission threat, AP, 9/23/2015

http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/texas/article_58bde429-d08b-5b9b-a7eb-d8238f323a25.html

Over-regulating methane emissions could discourage the use of environment-friendly natural gas, an energy industry representative told the Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday.

4 — Laredo environmentalist attends Dallas EPA meeting, KGNS, 9/23/15

<http://www.kgns.tv/home/headlines/epa-328887021.html>

The Environmental Protection Agency is holding a public hearing in Dallas on Wednesday. They are proposing stricter rules to limit methane emissions, released by oil and gas production. A local environmentalist is at the conference and held a presentation seeking help from the federal agency.

5 — EPA awards \$350,000 to help Pulaski County clean up sites, Arkansas Online, 9/23/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/sep/23/epa-awards-350000-help-pulaski-county-clean-sites/>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Wednesday that it is awarding \$350,000 in supplemental funding to help clean up contaminated sites in Pulaski County.

6 — AG files motion to dismiss suit over haze, Arkansas Online, 9/24/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/sep/24/ag-files-motion-to-dismiss-suit-over-ha/>

Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge filed a motion this week to dismiss the federal lawsuit that prompted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a plan for Arkansas to address haze at national wilderness areas.

7 — Volkswagen Test Rigging Follows a Long Auto Industry Pattern, New York Times, 9/23/2015

<http://nyti.ms/1gOr9Sw>

Long before Volkswagen admitted to cheating on emissions tests for millions of cars worldwide, the automobile industry, Volkswagen included, had a well-known record of sidestepping regulation and even duping regulators.

8 – Volkswagen CEO steps down, takes responsibility for scandal, Alb. Journal, 9/23/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/648533/biz/biz-most-recent/volkswagen-ceo-steps-down-takes-responsibility-for-scandal.html>

Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn resigned Wednesday, days after admitting that the world's top-selling carmaker had rigged diesel emissions to pass U.S. tests during his tenure. No replacement was announced, and VW still has no easy exit from a scandal that has suddenly dented a reputation for trustworthiness that took decades to build.

9 — It's time for NM to get serious on ozone (opinion), Alb. Journal, 9/24/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/648705/opinion/its-time-for-nm-to-get-serious-on-ozone.html>

For far too many New Mexicans, exposure to dangerous levels of ozone pollution is a serious health problem. In New Mexico's biggest cities and in our major oil and gas producing counties ozone pollution – commonly referred to as smog – is getting poor grades from respected public health organizations like the American Lung Association.

10 — Clean Power Plan would raise prices (editorial), Tyler Telegraph, 9/24/2015

<http://www.tylerpaper.com/TP-Editorials/224538/clean-power-plan-would-raise-prices>

Congressional hearings held earlier this month shed a lot of light on the Obama administration's proposed Clean Power Plan. What we've learned is unsettling. The CPP would require states to cut emissions from power-generating plants by 32 percent (from 2005 levels) by 2030.

11 — Long Live Expensive Water, Dallas Observer, 9/24/2015

<http://www.dallasobserver.com/news/long-live-expensive-water-7620329>

The vast majority of Louisiana voters believe protecting and restoring coastal Louisiana is as important as any other issue facing the state, and the next governor should make restoration a high priority, according to the results of a new state-wide poll released Monday (Sept. 21) by a coalition of environmental groups.

12 — \$134M for recovery projects arising from 2010 Gulf oil spill, Times Picayune, 9/23/2015

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/09/134m_for_recovery_projects_ari.html#incart_river

A panel on Wednesday approved using \$134 million provided by energy giant BP PLC on 10 projects to help the Gulf of Mexico recover from a catastrophic 2010 oil spill.

13 — Pope endorses Obama's EPA initiative, Houston Chron, 9/23/2015

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/energy/article/Pope-endorses-Obama-s-EPA-initiative-6525378.php>

Pope Francis had been in the United States less than 24 hours Wednesday when he renewed his call for urgent action on climate change - a position that puts him firmly in one camp on an issue among many that define the American political divide.